

REMARKS

After entry of this Amendment, claims 1-30 and 32-55 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-25 and 34-55 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claim 33 has been allowed. Claim 31 has been objected to as depending from a rejected base claim, but would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 26 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 31, which depends directly from claim 26. Claim 31 has accordingly been cancelled without prejudice.

Allowed claim 33 has been amended to include a limitation that was inadvertently omitted from the claim in the previous amendment. More specifically, the language "and a throat defined therein intermediate said first and second end" was mistakenly left out of line 6 of the claim. The language provides the antecedent basis for "said throat" found in line 16 of the claim.

It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment traverses and overcomes all of the Examiner's objections and rejections to the application as originally filed. It is further submitted that this Amendment has antecedent basis in the application as originally filed, including the specification, claims and drawings, and that this Amendment does not add any new subject matter to the application. Reconsideration of the application as amended is requested. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment places the application in suitable condition for allowance; notice of which is requested.

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If the Examiner feels that prosecution of the present application can be expedited by way of an Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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